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DISASTER RELIEF

Deputies keep supplies moving

Sheriff credits Facebook post for outpouring of donations

By Fred Petke
The Winchester Sun

Like many individuals and organizations throughout Kentucky, the Clark County Sheriff's Office has been helping fill needs in tornado-ravaged Morgan and Menifee counties.

In the last two weeks, there have been at least four trips to the region with donated goods, and a deputy to help with law enforcement.

And it all started with a post on Facebook.

Clark County Sheriff Berl Perdue Jr. said the effort started March 3, the day after the tornadoes tore through Kentucky.

"I got in touch with two of the sheriffs in the counties involved," Perdue said. "They were good on law enforcement volunteers. The National Guard eventually arrived. We started the supply relief

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Clark County sheriff's deputies and firefighters unload a trailer filled with donated supplies in West Liberty recently. The sheriff's office organized a collection drive for the tornado-ravaged counties that began with a post on Facebook. Clark County Sheriff Berl Perdue said deputies and firefighters made four trips to deliver the supplies.

Photo submitted



Go Cards!

Children attending the Generations Center Pre-school and Clark County Head Start program cheer for the George Rogers Clark High School Cardinals as they entered the seniors program room Tuesday morning, top photo. Rooting Cardinals are, from left, Cheyanne Jones, Brayden Stephens, Jayden Means, Alyssa Fisher, Harlee VonBehren, Kaylee Short, Ca'Nivea Johnson, Harley Faulk and Lex Burke. The Cardinals made their way around the room "high fiving" the students and greeting the seniors, right photo. William Bailey, seated left, and Harvey Robinson greet team members, from left, Riley Caudill, Tyler Carrier, Matt Hisle, Booper Stenzel and Dominic VanCleve. The Cardinals play Owensboro Apollo at 8 p.m. in the Sweet Sixteen Tournament at Rupp Arena.

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WEATHER

Epperson: storms a reminder to prepare for worst

By Bob Flynn
The Winchester Sun

The severe thunderstorms and tornadoes that caused heavy damage and several deaths across Kentucky and Indiana March 3 served as a vivid reminder that being prepared before storms hit is crucial.

Winchester-Clark County Emergency Management Director Gary Epperson said spring is the prime season for severe weather outbreaks and being prepared for them beforehand many times can mean the difference between life and death.

"Severe thunderstorms can produce tornadoes sometimes without warnings. Most of the time we have a warning, but sometimes we don't, so we want everybody to have a plan when the weather starts threatening," Epperson said. "We want everybody this time of year to particularly pay attention to the weather. Know where you need to go if it's tornadic activity, know a spot you can go to, either a basement, an inside hallway or bathroom, or a neighbor's house."

Clark County has severe weather warning sirens placed around the county to alert residents of bad weather, Epperson said, but many people have misconceptions about the purpose of the sirens and

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IN YOUR WORLD

OBITS

Ernest Wayne Pitts,
60, Winchester

Sharon Ginter Acton,
68, Conroe, Texas

Lucille B. Creech, 87,
Winchester

Josephine Richardson,
83, Winchester

Charlotte Chenault
Menifee, 101,
Cincinnati

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Operation Preparation



Clark County Board of Education District Administrator Barbara Disney goes over test scores with Casey Pasley during Operation Preparation Tuesday afternoon at Conkwright Middle School, left photo. George Rogers Clark High School and Clark Middle School are also participating in the program. Volunteers offer students advice on courses to prepare for college or a career. Above, Treva Parks, foreground, encourages Dalton Bonner to create a plan for his future.

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Obituaries

ERNEST WAYNE PITTS

Ernest Wayne Pitts, 60, of Winchester passed away on Tuesday at Clark Regional Medical Center. Arrangements are incomplete at Scobee Funeral Home. The online guest book is available at www.scobeefuneralhome.com...

SHARON GINTER ACTON

Sharon Ginter Acton, 68, wife of Roy Acton, passed away Jan. 9 in Conroe, Texas. Sharon was born in Winchester Feb. 7, 1943, to the late William Brown Ginter and Dorothy Adams Ginter. She was retired. Additional survivors include her children, Greg (Tonya) Vaught of Winchester, Lori Dawn Vaught of Lexington, Erika Acton (James) Whitley of Montgomery, Texas, and Roy F. (Beth) Acton II of Tomball, Texas...

nephews; four nieces; two grand nephews; and three grand nieces. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 17 at Scobee Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 1:15 p.m. until service time. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association or the National Wildlife Federation. The online guest book is available at www.scobeefuneralhome.com...

LUCILLE B. CREECH

Lucille B. Creech, 87, of Winchester, widow of the late Thornton Clay Creech, passed away on Tuesday, March 13 at Taylor Manor in Versailles. Mrs. Creech was born in Estill County on Sept. 29, 1924 to the late Herbert D. and Pearl Moore Brandenburg. She was a Clark County school teacher for 38 years, beginning her service in a one-room schoolhouse. She was a charter member of Alpha Delta Kappa, an International Honorary Organi-

zation for Women Educators, and a charter member of the John Combs Chapter of National Colonial Dames XVI Century. She played an active role in many other organizations including the Clark County Hospital Auxiliary, the Mansfield Fireside Circle at the First United Methodist Church, NARFE, the Kid-dville Homemakers Club, the Trapp High School reunion committee, the Cyrus Grable Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the Union, the Society of Boonesbor-ough, and was a Dame of the National Society Magna Charta Dames and Barons, as well as a Kentucky Colonel. Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Edith and Daryl Greer of Ver-sailles, and her granddaugh-ter, Kylie Greer of Versailles. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m., Friday, March 16 at Scobee Funeral Home by the Rev. James Williams. Burial will be in the Win-chester Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m., Thursday, March 15 at Scobee Funeral Home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Clark County Humane Society, 5000 Ironworks Road, Winchester,

KY 40391 or to Hospice of the Bluegrass, 2312 Alexandria Drive, Lexington, KY 40504. The online guest book is available at www.scobeefuneralhome.com, and the 24-hour funeral information line can be reached by calling 744-2122.

JOSEPHINE RICHARDSON

Josephine Richardson, 83, of Winchester, passed away on Tuesday at the Clark Re-gional Medical Center. The online guest book is available at www.scobeefuneralhome.com, and the 24-hour funeral information line can be reached by calling 744-2122.

CHARLOTTE CHENAULT MENIFEE

Charlotte Chenault Menifee, 101, died Friday in Cincinnati, Ohio. She was the mother of Em-mett Menifee, Winchester. Funeral services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at El Bethel Baptist Church, Cincinnati. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to the hour of service.

Police/fire

WINCHESTER POLICE

Reports — At 8:45 a.m. Tuesday, officers were called to 925 Rolling Hills Lane after a trailer was stolen during the night. — At 8:47 a.m. Tuesday, officers were called to 167 E. Washington St. after a window was broken on a ve-hicle. — At 8:53 a.m. Tuesday, officers were called to 900 Bypass Road after \$300 was taken from a cash register. — At 12:11 p.m. Tuesday, a person reported the theft of an identity. — At 12:52 p.m. Tuesday, officers were called to 1137 Dale Drive concerning a purse theft. — At 2:07 p.m. Tuesday, a man reported that he was assaulted at Broadway Liquors. — At 4:39 p.m. Tuesday, officers were called to 105

Gary Court after the lights on a vehicle were smashed. — At 11:41 p.m. tuesday, a woman reported that a known female was harass-ing her.

CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF

Report — At 10:11 a.m. Sunday, Larry Gonzales of 447 Chaucer Court reported that someone removed the ignition from a Ryder truck along with a GPS unit, a DVD player, several pocket knives and approximately 200 CDs and DVDs.

WINCHESTER FIRE-EMS

— On Tuesday, emer-gency personnel conducted three local transfers and two out-of-town transfers. They also responded to four general medical calls, one fall and one engine assist.

Local briefs

Conkwright council meeting postponed

Conkwright Middle's School-based Decision-mak-ing Council meeting sched-uled for Thursday has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 27 at 4:15 p.m. in the school library.

Grace Lutheran Lenten services continue

Grace Lutheran Church, 108 Hemlock Road, contin-ues its Lenten season with

mid-week Vespers today at 7 p.m. The focus this week will include a meditation on the Lord's Prayer. A soup and sandwich meal will pre-cede the service at 6 p.m. Rev. Thomas W. Hoyt is the pastor.

WMU Commission meets Thursday

The Winchester Muni-cipal Utilities Commission will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the WMU of-fice, 150 N. Main St.

State briefs

Amish buggy bill could be nearing final vote

FRANKFORT (AP) — The Amish could forgo a long-standing traffic safety measure in the name of religious freedom under a measure that could be near final pas-sage in the Kentucky General Assembly. The House Transportation Committee voted 25-1 on Tuesday to pass a Senate bill that would allow the Amish to use strips of reflective tape on the backs of their horse-drawn buggies rather than bright orange triangles some object to. The Amish argue that God directs their safety, even on the roads. They say the bright color of the signs calls atten-tion to them, which is against their religion, and the trian-gular shape represents the Trinity, which they're not al-lowed to flaunt. The proposal now goes to the full House for considera-tion. If approved there, it would return to the Senate for final passage, which could happen within days. Gov. Steve Beshear has not said whether he favors the bill. State Sen. Ken Winters, R-Murray, filed the legislation because several Amish men in his western Kentucky dis-trict were jailed for refusing to pay fines for not using the orange signs. They have ap-pealed their convictions to the Kentucky Supreme Court, which is scheduled to hear oral arguments Thursday. "This bill is important to all of us," Winters said. "If something is done to chal-lenge my religious beliefs, I hope that somebody would

come to my rescue or my peo-ple's rescue. But beyond that, my motive is to assure that we have the safest possible environment for them while they're traveling our roads. But it's to protect others, too. You know, it's not just the people in that buggy who could get killed. It's the peo-ple in the car who might try to miss them and go into a ditch or hit them and rico-chet into a tree."

Ky. House committee rejects bullying bill

FRANKFORT (AP) — A bill to protect students from bullying by their classmates died Tuesday in the House Education Committee be-cause some lawmakers wor-ried it would give "special rights" to gay students. The proposal by Rep. Mary Lou Marzian, a Louisville De-mocrat, failed to get the 15 votes it needed. The party-line vote was 13 in favor, 10 against and three absten-tions. Most of the Republicans who voted against the bill said a 2008 law sponsored by Rep. Mike Cherry, D-Prince-ton, is a national model and sufficient. But Marzian, who mentioned that Cherry was a sponsor of her bill, said hers was stronger because it iden-tifies classes of students to be protected. The bill mentioned abuse that is motivated "by a stu-dent's actual or perceived race; color; religion; national origin; ancestry or ethnicity; sexual orientation; physical, mental, emotional, or learn-ing disability; gender; gender identity and expression; or

other distinguishing personal characteristic." Rep. Ben Waide, R-Madis-onville, said he feared that any statute that did not pro-tect a Christian student's First Amendment rights to disagree with a gay student about whether homosexual-ity is acceptable could sub-ject the Christian student to punishment for harassment. Logan said Marzian's bill would not do that.

Judge rejects proposed settlement in guard suit

LOUISVILLE (AP) — A federal judge on Tuesday re-jected a proposed class-ac-tion settlement between former civilian guards at

Fort Campbell and Fort Knox and one of the nation's largest private security com-panies. The agreement had been reached over a reten-tion bonus that was prom-ised, but later rescinded after the guards signed new contracts. U.S. District Judge Thomas B. Russell ruled that the guards at the two military posts couldn't be accommo-dated in a single settlement because of differences in their claims.

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The Winchester Sun local forecast

Local 5-Day Forecast table with columns for Thu 3/15, Fri 3/16, Sat 3/17, Sun 3/18, Mon 3/19. Includes weather icons, temperatures, and sunrise/sunset times.

Kentucky At A Glance



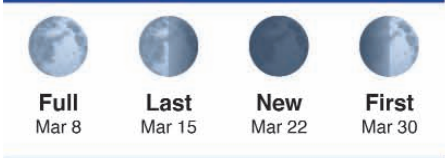
Area Cities

Table listing Area Cities with columns for City, Hi, Lo, and Cond. Includes cities like Ashland, Bowling Green, Cincinnati, etc.

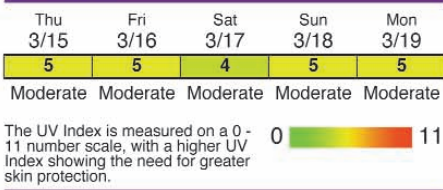
National Cities

Table listing National Cities with columns for City, Hi, Lo, and Cond. Includes cities like Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, etc.

Moon Phases



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Weight Loss Workshop Thursday, March 15th 6:30-7:30 PM Ertel Medicine & Pediatrics 1520 Boonesboro Road GUEST SPEAKERS Kevin and Sarabeth Parido will discuss their wellness journey, collectively losing over 40 lbs in less than two months. Call 859-474-0094 for more information. day one www.dayoneky.com

Lunch corner

Here's what local schools are serving
Thursday, March 15

Elementary schools

Breakfast
Choice of mini cinni rolls, mini pancakes, cereal and toast, yogurt and toast, juice, fruit and milk.

Lunch
Choice of homemade lasagna, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, Cheerios and yogurt, chef salad, steamed broccoli, garden salad, garlic Texas toast, fruit, ice cream and milk.

Middle schools

Breakfast
Choice of mini cinni roll, cereal and toast, yogurt and toast, juice, fruit and milk.

Lunch
Choice of cafe burger, barbecue on bun, sack lunch, soup and sandwich, taco salad, french fries, cole slaw, leaf lettuce, tomato, pickle, fruit and milk.

High school

Breakfast
Choice of English muffin breakfast sandwich, sausage biscuit, peanut butter and jelly, breakfast pastry or muffin, cereal and toast, juice or fruit and milk.

Lunch
Country Kitchen: Burrito bar, corn, black or refried beans, Spanish rice.

Salad and More: Salad choice, soup and sensational sandwich, hummus, veggies. fruit with pita chips.

Pizza line: Pizza choice.

Hot Zone: Cheeseburger, chili cheese hot dog, french fries, vegetable of the day.

Chicken and More: Hot and spicy chicken sandwich, cheeseburger, french fries, vegetable of the day.

Kentucky Lottery

These Kentucky lotteries were drawn Tuesday:

Cash Ball
08-14-22-32, Cash Ball: 10, Kicker: 1-0-2-8-3

Mega Millions
02-08-30-36-48, Mega Ball: 31

Megaplier: 3

Pick 3 Evening: 1-7-7

Pick 3 Midday: 2-3-6

Pick 4 Evening: 4-6-2-5

Pick 4 Midday: 3-7-2-2

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Photos submitted
Clark County Deputy Sheriff Justin Gurley, top photo, carries a box of donated items to a trailer for another trip to tornado-ravaged Morgan and Menifee counties. Sheriff Berl Perdue Jr. said the community donated enough items to fill nine pickup trucks and four 16-foot trailers. At right, Perdue, right, and Deputy Aaron Matthews unload one of several pickup trucks loaded with donated supplies.

RELIEF

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effort on Facebook and it snowballed.”

As the donations poured in, the effort quickly became more than he anticipated.

“We ended up with more supplies at one time than we could handle,” Perdue said.

When the call went out for transportation help, the community responded again, including the city and county fire departments.

“We ended up making four trips,” Perdue said, including nine pickup trucks and four 16-foot trailer loads of supplies. “I’ve had everything donated from personal hygiene items to food and water. (Monday) we sent \$500 in cash and \$600 in Walmart cards to Menifee County.”

Currently, they are not collecting supplies because the region has been overwhelmed.

“A lot of places up there have run out of storage room,” he said. Relief organi-

zations said cash would be a better donation than clothes or other items.

Perdue said he was glad to see the community’s response from a simple Facebook post.

“Clark County showed their love and caring,” he said. “They amazed me with their generosity. The response was overwhelming. All it took was putting it out on Facebook.”

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those victims left without your medications or food,” Epperson said.

Emergency Management has a hazardous weather preparation guide it passes out at local schools and around the community that contains a quick reference guide to help prepare residents for weather dangers. A copy of the guide is also available on the department’s website at www.clarkema.com.

“The weather guide contains valuable information that really can make a differ-

ence in you being prepared for bad weather or not. Don’t let yourself become a victim of severe weather because you’re not prepared,” Epperson said. “This first tornado was a warning. Late April and early May is when we have the most and worst storms in Kentucky, so we really are just beginning the severe weather season. So now is the time to get prepared and know where you will go if a storm comes.”

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

House approves panel to review child abuse cases

FRANKFORT (AP) — A measure to create an external panel to review child abuse cases involving fatalities or serious injuries that almost result in fatalities was approved Tuesday by the Kentucky House of Representatives.

The bill sponsored by Democratic Rep. Susan Westrom of Lexington passed the chamber by a vote of 96-0.

The 13-member state panel of experts would review how child abuse cases were handled by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

“They will come up with their conclusions of what happened, how the death could have been avoided, what protocols did not take place, what protocols need to be put in policy for various staff for inter-agencies. It’s really a fact-finding so that we can improve the outcomes or prevent deaths or near deaths,” Westrom said.

A child fatality review team would be created to refer information to the panel.

Membership of the panel would include members with specific professional backgrounds, including a pediatrician, a family court judge, a court-appointed special advocate, a prosecutor and a coroner, and others.

The bill also would create an Independent Office of Investigation for Child Protective Services that would investigate and make recommendations for improve-

ments.

Both the panel and the office would have the power to subpoena records.

The bill would expand the list of household members about which reports of abuse or neglect are initially reported to the cabinet without immediately notifying law enforcement. That was an issue in the highly publicized case of Amy Dye, a 9-year-old Todd County girl who was beaten to death by her adopted brother in February 2011.

The girl was not counted among the 18 child abuse deaths that year because she was not killed by a custodial parent, the cabinet explained.

The cabinet has been criticized for how it has handled some cases, including that of Amy Dye, and has been sued by newspapers for withholding records in cases that Franklin Circuit Court Judge Philip Shepherd ruled should be made public.

“It’s probably, to me, the most important bill I’ve ever done,” Westrom said when she introduced the measure on the House floor.

“It’s not perfect,” she said after the House adjourned Tuesday. She said she expects there will be special changes to the bill in the Senate. However, she said she thinks its chances of passing the Senate are good.

Westrom said she was pleased by the overwhelming support the bill received in the House.

POLITICS

Santorum sweeps Alabama, Mississippi primary races

WASHINGTON (AP) — A resurgent Rick Santorum swept primaries in Alabama and Mississippi Tuesday night, upending the race for the Republican presidential nomination yet again and nudging Newt Gingrich toward the sidelines.

Mitt Romney finished third in both states, but he salvaged a win in the Hawaii caucuses and won the sup-

port of all nine delegates at GOP caucuses in American Samoa.

“We did it again,” Santorum told cheering supporters in Lafayette, La. He added, “Now is the time for conservatives to pull together” in an effort to defeat Romney, the former Massachusetts governor who still is the faraway leader in the delegate competition.

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A truly ineffective session in Frankfort

Honestly, I knew the Kentucky legislature was on course to set a new record for ridiculousness when they brought in a penguin from Newport Aquarium so they could give it an “honorary resolution” and it decided to let “nature call” on Senate President David Williams’ desk.



Leland Conway

But when news broke last Thursday that Williams would be missing last Friday’s legislative session so he could travel to the SEC Tournament, I was certain that this session had hit a new low.

It wasn’t just Sen. Williams. Come to find out, for some odd reason, the Senate had problems finding enough legislators to do any business at all on Friday. You don’t suppose they were all watching the game, do you? No, that’s just not possible. They have more important things to do, right?

Honestly, I wish they all would have just abandoned the session altogether. Heck, I would have been fine with the taxpayers picking up the tab to ship them all to New Orleans. At least if they were down there, they couldn’t be doing any more damage up here.

This legislative session has been an absolute embarrassment. They have wasted most of their time on less important issues, like a statewide smoking ban, trying to expand gambling and making it harder for law abiding citizens to have access to over-the-counter cold medicines.

In the meantime, while you were watching the shiny things they were dangling, the really bad stuff was going on in the background.

The legislature has routinely rejected proposed bills that would provide more transparency for taxpayers on how their representatives vote on spending bills, among other things.

But if a little added transparency is too much to ask, how about even less transparency? A bill that did get a hearing is one that, if passed, would end the requirement of companies who do business with the state to provide financial information on the projects they are doing with your tax dollars. Wow. What do these guys have against a little sunlight?

The House is also letting a bill languish that would put a limit on the amount of debt that the legislature or the governor could saddle taxpayers with. Go figure — they don’t appear to like transparency or spending limits.

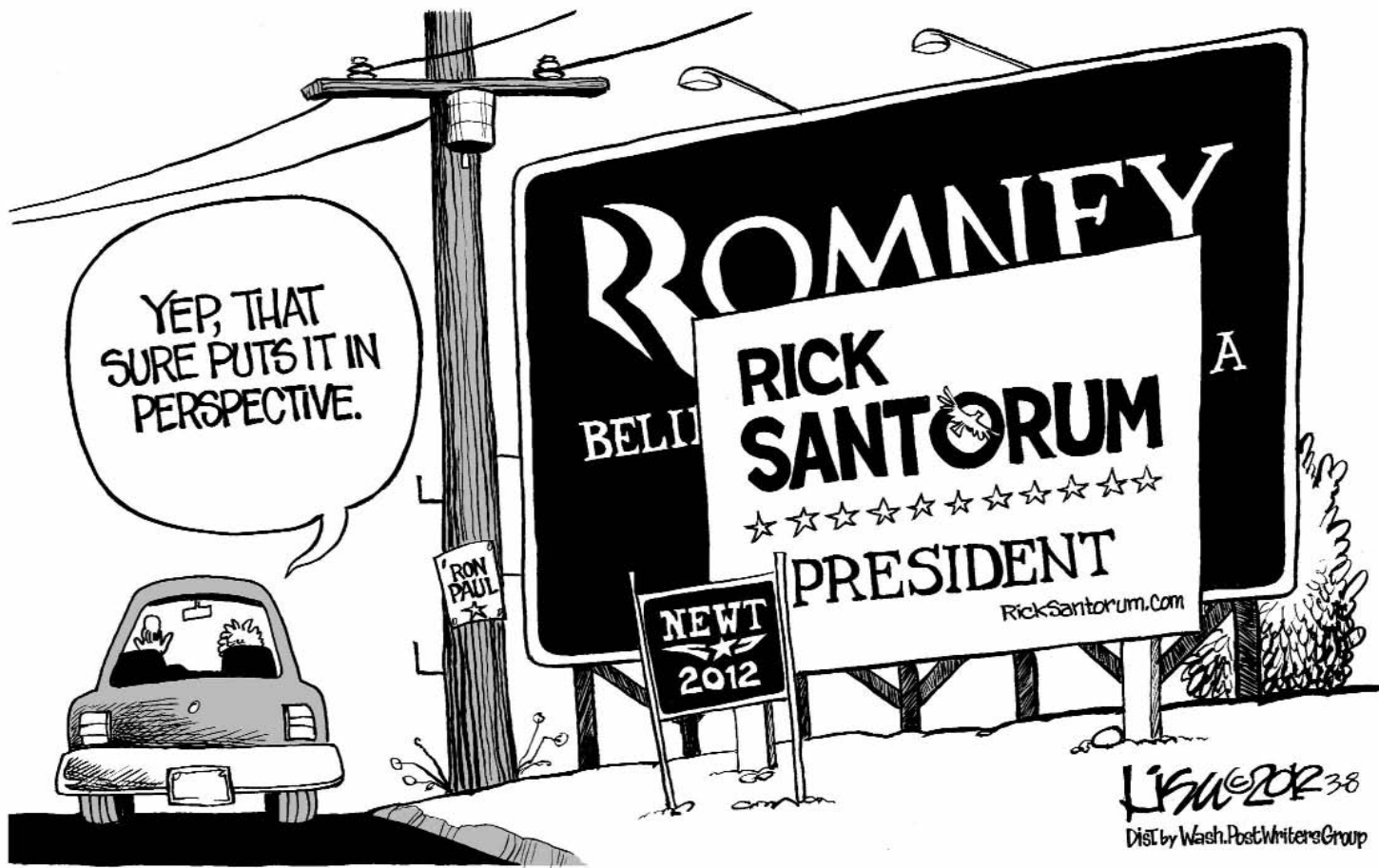
Meanwhile, neighboring states Ohio, Virginia and Indiana have been busy cutting taxes and government spending, and creating a more pro-business agenda. This has led directly to an increase in job creation and a better economic outlook for each of those states.

So let’s review. While states all around us have been taking on the tough jobs of real tax reform and making themselves more business friendly, our legislature has been in favor of taking away your access to over-the-counter cold medicines, expanded gambling, and even less government transparency. Now that’s a winning combination.

But hey, let’s look on the bright side; just like you and me, at least our legislators are all really big UK fans!

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Believe it, Mitt Romney’s a winner



WASHINGTON — The reviews of Mitt Romney’s Super Tuesday performance were murderous.

The Wall Street Journal judged that “voters failed to deliver a decisive victory” to Romney.

Fox News reported that the “Super Tuesday results ensure the protracted and unpredictable GOP primary contest will press onward.”

Romney “missed his opportunity to put to rest doubts about his strength as a candidate,” reported Politico’s Alexander Burns.

The Atlantic’s Molly Ball reported that Rick Santorum “had clearly given Romney a bad scare, and it was enough for him to claim a moral victory.”

The obituaries evidently had an impact. In a [washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com) survey, readers were asked who “had the best Super Tuesday,” and fully 50 percent said it hadn’t been Romney.

But the question of who had the best Super Tuesday is a matter of fact, not opinion: Romney did.

He won six of 10 states, including Ohio, the night’s marquee contest. His win rate was higher than John McCain’s in 2008 on a night that all but clinched the GOP nomination. He has won about 40 percent of the delegates he needs to win the nomination and has more than twice as many as Santorum, his nearest competitor. And the party’s new system requiring the proportional awarding of delegates, though it has slowed Romney’s coronation, now makes it essentially impossible for anybody to catch him.



Dana Milbank

The fact that Romney is still viewed to be in danger of losing the nomination says less about him than it does about the media. We have turned him into Candidate Sisyphus, providing him with a plentiful supply of boulders to push uphill. First it was make-or-break New Hampshire, then must-win Florida, then do-or-die Michigan and game-changing Ohio. Each time Romney prevails, we assign him a new test.

Part of this is our bias in favor of conflict. I’ve been as guilty as the rest in attempting to extend this primary season, even pleading with Newt Gingrich to fight on, strictly for my personal enjoyment.

But the reluctance to acknowledge Romney’s inevitability also reflects media antipathy toward this boring candidate — the flip side of 2008, when journalists brayed for Hillary Clinton to abandon her fight against Barack Obama, the media’s preferred candidate. Chuck Todd and his NBC colleagues blogged last week that Romney is “certainly losing style points by barely beating Santorum in states like Michigan and Ohio,” akin to a “top-ranked college football team winning a squeaker against an unranked opponent.”

Only in American politics is a win not a win — a phenomenon that is puzzling the rest of the world. “Mitt Romney wins six on Super Tuesday but gets labeled a loser,” observed Britain’s Daily Mail. Discussing the phenomenon over lunch on Thursday, Gregor Schmitz of Germany’s Der Spiegel news magazine told me that the American media’s propping up of Romney’s opponents is “intellectually insulting” to viewers and readers.

He’s right. On Intrade, the online market where people put money behind their opinions, Romney as of Friday morning was given an 85 percent chance of winning the

nomination; Santorum, in second place, had a 4.1 percent likelihood. That sounds about right to me. It’s theoretically possible for Romney to lose, but we owe our audiences more than hype about theoretical possibilities and juiced-up storylines.

“Some are calling New Hampshire a must-win race for Team Romney,” Fox’s Mark Steyn reported in late December. Romney won that must-win.

“I do not like making dramatic statements, but Florida is make it or break it for Mitt Romney,” National Journal’s Charlie Cook said in January. Romney made it.

“Michigan may be Romney’s last stand,” CBS News reported. Romney stood.

ABC News included Arizona in its “make-or-break week” for Romney, who won Arizona handily.

“Ohio could be make or break for Romney,” the Washington Examiner reported after those wins.

“Romney could easily have a really bad Super Tuesday,” Charles Krauthammer opined on Fox News.

Romney won Ohio and had a really good Super Tuesday — but polling stations hadn’t even closed when the media got to work on erecting new hurdles for Romney.

“Graham says Romney must win in South to end primary,” the Hill reported last Tuesday afternoon atop its account of an interview with Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.

“Romney’s Super Tuesday wins ‘maybe not enough,’” the New York Daily News reported Thursday, atop an article quoting McCain’s skepticism.

Indeed. I heard without Romney wins in Alabama and Mississippi, he could be be toast.

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What women want: ‘Relax the rhetoric’

WASHINGTON — Introducing her husband on Super Tuesday night, Ann Romney said women this election season are interested in jobs, the economy and the debt.

Translation: So could we shut up already about contraception?

Republicans might wish nothing more than to stuff birth control pills back into the bottle, but Democrats aren’t about to let them. The narrative already has a title: “The Republican War on Women.” Cue theme from “Psycho.”

One can hardly blame Democrats for taking advantage of a perfect storm of stupefying proportions. The only thing Republicans failed to do was put a bow on this mess. Consider the headline-grabbing events that came together almost at once:

Virginia’s pre-abortion sonogram law that could have included a transvaginal probe; the religious liberty versus contraception mandate prompted by health care reform; Rush Limbaugh’s commentary about a female law student in which he called her a slut, a prostitute and, in a final flourish, suggested she provide him sex tapes so he could watch her in the activities precipitating the need for birth control.

Individually, these anecdotes would have been problematic, but combined they’ve had the effect on women voters of a Tyrannosaurus rex approaching a Gallimimus herd. (Picture the stampede scene in “Jurassic Park.”)

War has been declared, and there’s hardly any

way to change the impression among a growing percentage of women that the GOP is the party of knuckle-dragging Neanderthals. It’s a smart move for Democrats to keep replaying the message, but is it fair — and is it true?

What say we relax the rhetoric and see what sanity lies beneath?

Not to tempt the gods of non sequitur, and contrary to what the White House insists, Rush Limbaugh is not the leader of the GOP. Even so, he does have a large audience and it is disconcerting that so many seem to share his obvious hostility toward women. Several of his cohorts in discourtesy are snorting and grunting in my inbox even now.

One who wrote in defense of Limbaugh informed me of my place in God’s hierarchy, slightly above goats, and gave me a tutorial about why women have been saddled with the monthly inconvenience and painful childbirth — for tempting men to do evil and failing to recognize their roles as “helpmeets” for men.

“Pagan women like yourself,” he patiently averred, “have no regard for the natural order of God’s plan and shamelessly promulgate the ‘we are goddesses’ bile that has infected the entire country and pretty much stopped it in its tracks from incurring God’s blessing.” I’m leaving out the best parts.

You don’t have to read many such letters to think that maybe Democrats have a point. Yet it is false to imagine that any objection to abortion is necessarily anti-woman. It may *feel* that way to women seeking an abortion. And it may *look* that way when those pushing anti-abortion measures are men whose experience in such matters is biologically irrelevant. As feminist Flo Kennedy once said, “If men could get pregnant,

abortion would be a sacrament.”

But Republicans are waging war on women only if you believe that the morality of abortion should never be questioned, or if you believe the federal government can order people to pay for something that violates their conscience. These issues are not so simple, nor are Republicans simpletons for trying to protect the unborn or challenging what they view as government overreach.

Unfortunately, the conservative governing principles that traditionally attracted level heads to the right side of the aisle have been incrementally subsumed by social issues — a bull’s-eye for Democrats and a black eye for Republicans. Inasmuch as women are the ones who most urgently require access to family planning, any opposition can be conflated to be anti-woman. Hence, Ann Romney’s well-placed remarks.

She is right, of course, but the problem she was implicitly trying to address is not short-term. The GOP long ago made its bed with social conservatives, a large percentage of them Southern evangelicals, and now must sleep with them. After marriage, of course. In Laurens County, S.C., where the local GOP recently tried to create a purity tribunal to screen and monitor aspiring Republican candidates, this is more than a punch line.

Although the state party ruled the county initiative inconsistent with state law, the Laurens mindset burbles just beneath the surface of the once-Grand Old Party. And that is a problem only Democrats could love.

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Community Calendar

TODAY

— Panel discussion on free and low cost sports and recreation opportunities for youth, 11 a.m., Clark County Public Library, free and open to the public. The discussion counts as a Community Services budgeting class.

— Lecture series on ethics, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 7 p.m. Potluck dinner will be served at 6 p.m. The speaker will be interim Assisting Bishop Chilton Knudsen of the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

— Clark County Friends of the Library meeting, 7-8 p.m., 370 S. Burns Ave. Call Al Bonds, 737-0777, for more information.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

— Winchester Rotary Club meeting, noon, Winchester Country Club. Dr. Gordon Liddle, retired University of Kentucky professor of psychology, will be the guest speaker.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

— Chili cook-off benefiting Relay for Life, First Christian Church, noon.

MONDAY, MARCH 19

— Free AARP tax preparation, Central Baptist Church Annex, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

— Free AARP tax preparation, Central Baptist Church Annex, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

— Tour of Winchester Kroger with dietician Amy Herald, part of the Winchester Weigh-Down, 10 a.m. Call 744-4682 for more information.

— Clark County Human Services Council meeting, noon, Arby's. Representatives from all human services agencies in Clark County are invited.

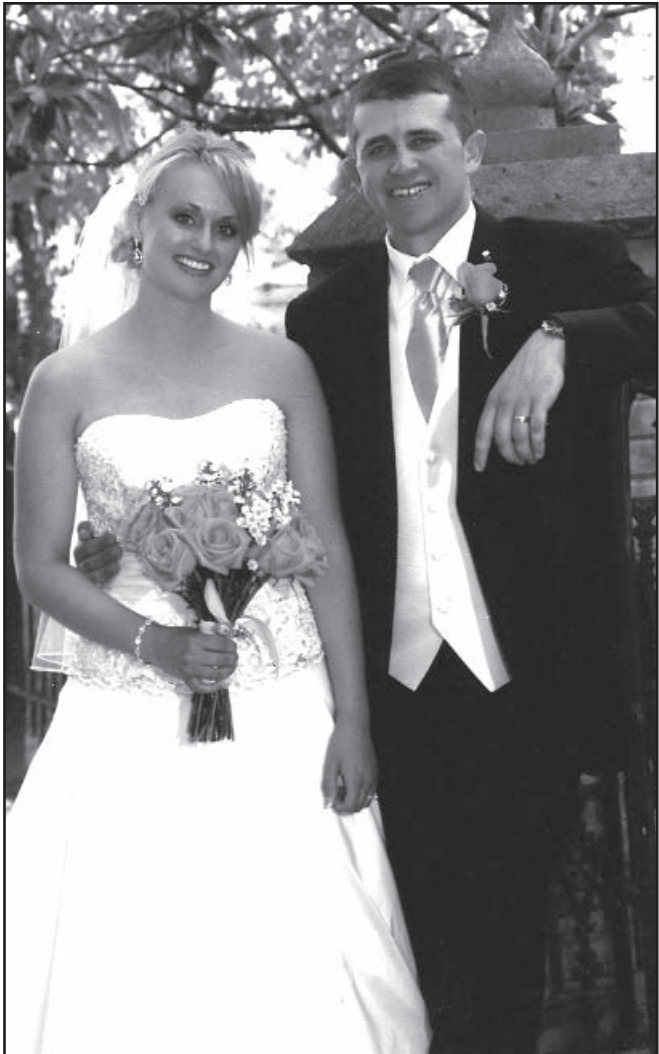
— Celebrate Recovery, 7 p.m., Calvary Christian Church, 15 Redwing Drive, entrance C. A program based on the 12 steps and the eight Beatitudes for any hurt, habit or hang-up with support for family members, as well as Celebration Station for kids and The Landing for teens. For more information, call Dickie at 744-0817. Meetings are every Tuesday.

— Compassionate Friends support group meeting for bereaved parents, Hospice East, Shoppers Drive, 7 p.m. Parents who have lost a child at any age from any cause are invited, as well as family and friends. Adults only.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

— Lecture series on ethics, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 7 p.m. Potluck dinner will be served at 6 p.m. The speaker will be Jason Collins of Hilliard Lyons.

— Winchester/Clark County Farmers Market meeting, Clark County Extension Office, 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in learning more about the market is invited. Call 771-0573 for more information.



Courtney Lynn Williams and Joshua Rodney Wenta

Williams, Wenta exchanged vows in July ceremony

Courtney Lynn Williams and Joshua Rodney Wenta were married July 9, 2011, at Winchester First United Methodist Church. The Rev. James A. Williams IV officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Eddie and Cindy Williams, and the granddaughter of Wendell and Ima Lea Grider of Lexington, and the late Cameron and Rachel Williams of Winchester.

The groom is the son of Don Wenta of Monte Vista, Colo.; Tom Watson of Berea; and Suzi Watson of Paint Lick. He is the grandson of Ron and Bonita Kitts, Leo Wenta and the late Betty Wenta, Ada-Fae Nichols and Nick and Teresa Trujillo.

The maid of honor was Brittany Riley. Bridesmaids were Abby Newcom; Lauren Hatchett; Erin Spring; Bonnie Watson, sister of the groom; and Tamera Spangler, sister-in-law of the bride.

Serving as best men were Tony Shouse and Shane McGuire. Groomsmen included Thomas Baker; An-

thony Zanni; Shadron Wenta, brother of the groom; and Matt Williams, brother of the bride.

Ushers were the University of Kentucky AFROTC Pershing Rifles.

Musicians for the ceremony were Phyllis James, pianist, and John Howe, violinist. Guest book and program attendants were Brigitte Townsend, Emily Merritt and Megan Blandford.

The reception was held at the Winchester Opera House.

The bride is a graduate of George Rogers Clark High School and Transylvania University. Sher received her master's degree from Indiana University.

She is a member of Phi Mu.

The groom is a graduate of Berea High School and Transylvania University.

He is a member of Delta Sigma Phi.

He is currently serving in the United States Air Force.

After a honeymoon in St. Lucia, the couple is residing in Cheyenne, Wyo.

25 Years Ago

March 14, 1987

The George Rogers Clark Lady Cardinals continue play in the 10th Region basketball tournament this afternoon in Paris. Clark, the region's top-ranked team, will face second-ranked Mason County about 2:30 p.m. at Bourbon County High School in the tournament's semi-finals. In the day's opening game, host Bourbon will face Bracken County at 1 p.m.

The Future Business Leaders of America officer and members of the month for

February were announced this week at George Rogers Clark High School. Members selected for their participation in FBLA week were Melva Smith, Peggy Hershman, Carl Miller, Jeff Childers and Sherry Scott.

Advocating a "common sense" approach to the operation of state government, candidate for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor Brerton Jones called Friday for an "ideal educational system," additional jobs for Kentuckians and a rescue of the family farm.

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3-14 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptquote: THE TIME WILL COME WHEN WINTER WILL ASK YOU WHAT YOU WERE DOING ALL SUMMER. — HENRY CLAY

JENNIFER'S JOURNAL

Making physical activity work for you

The Winchester Weigh Down has officially begun! If you missed the opportunity to register at one of our six weigh-in sites, there is still time next week to do so. To register, visit one of the following locations: Clark County Extension, Clark County Health Department, College Park Gym, Ertel Medicine, Winchester YMCA or Winchester Family Practice.

Here are a few tips for those getting started with physical activity:

— Set your own pace. Start physical activity slowly and progress gradually. If you are just starting, don't go for a fast 30-minute walk

on the first day. Start with 10 minutes, and gradually increase your time and speed as your body gets accustomed to the activity.

— Warm up before your activity by walking or marching at a slow pace for about five minutes.

— Just as important, cool down after your activity by slowing your pace for the last five minutes.

Would doing physical activity with a buddy make it more fun for you? Meet a friend for a walk instead of lunch,

or better yet, form a walking group with friends or family.

What time of the day works best for you? Don't think you have to do all the



Jennifer Howard



activity in one 30-minute slot. You can split your physical activity into 10- to 15-minute sessions throughout the day, such a 10 minutes when you first get to work, 10 minutes at lunch and 10 minutes before you go home.

Don't make this a chore. Be creative and have fun! You can walk as you push the baby in a stroller, or walk as you talk to a friend on the phone. Always climb the stairs if they are available. Don't forget that pulling weeds from the flower bed counts as activity too.

Look for our new Taste of the Month recipe, broccoli salad supreme, on the web at <http://ces.ca.uky.edu/clark/>

Jennifer Howard is the Clark County Extension Service agent for family and consumer sciences.

African, bluegrass music performed

The Winchester Music Club, which is affiliated with the National and Kentucky Federation of Music Clubs, met Feb. 28 at Rose Mary C. Brooks Place.

Dr. William Cooper, president, welcomed everyone and Cecil Garrett read the Collect.

Cooper introduced his niece, Kaitlyn MacMillan, who directed the program.

Kaitlyn and her husband, David MacMillan, have three children of their own and have adopted eight

children from Liberia in Africa.

They sang the following songs: A medley of Liberian songs sung by Josiah, Biz and True; "Sentimental Journey," "I'll Be Loving You Always," "Misty" and "Indian Love Call" sung by Kaitlyn MacMillan and accompanied by Cooper; bluegrass music performed by Brenna, Theo, Josiah, Biz and True, "Oh Joe Clark," "Cumberland Gap," "Cripple Creek" and "I Saw the Light;" and songs sung by

the group were "Amazing Grace," "I'll Fly Away," "Low and Down" and "I'll See the Lord."

The next program will be March 27 at Cooper's home at 404 Pueblo Court.

Christine Camardo, a graduate student in the music department at the University of Kentucky, will present a clarinet recital.

The public is invited.

Refreshments were served by Carolyn Tuttle, Betsy Garrett and Colista Ledford.



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A newly born hereford angus named Kirstin is nudged by her mother Katie at Greyrock Farm on East Lake Road in the town of Sullivan, in Madison County, New York Monday. The photo was taken just moments after the hereford angus was born.

The final farewell

In preparation for my final column as the Clark County Extension Service agent for agriculture and natural resources, I looked back in the files and found the first column I wrote for The Winchester Sun in 1996.

It is interesting how much some things have changed in 15 years, and how much some things have remained the same.

In 1996, the primary mission of the Clark County Cooperative Extension Service was to bring to the people of Clark County the research-based information that has been generated at the University of Kentucky and other land grant universities, and to help our clients use that information to improve their lives and their community. That mission remains the same today.

Something that has changed quite a lot is the way that information is transmitted. In 1996, almost all the information was handled on the printed page. The Internet was a new thing, and we had just received a grant to conduct a class to demonstrate to farmers how to search for information online.

Much of the information we handle now is processed in electronic form. I wrote that 1996 column with a pencil, Malinda Cooper keyed it into the office computer and printed it on paper, and someone carried it across the street to the newspaper office. I keyed in today's column at my desk and emailed it to Courtney Jones, who cleaned it up and forwarded it to The Sun.

In addition to mailing

newsletters, Cynthia Carr now posts them on our website, so they are available to anyone with Internet access.

As long as there remain places where Internet access is either unavailable or prohibitively expensive, the Extension Service will mail things to those who request them, but I expect that the use of electronic communication will continue to grow.

The biggest change at the Clark County Extension Service in my tenure has been as a result of the construction of the Clark County Extension Education Center.

When our offices were housed in the basement of the Clark County Courthouse, we had to borrow or rent a room any time we needed to conduct a meeting. The Extension Service building allows us much more flexibility in programming, and allows for expanded access for clients.

As I retire from active duty with the Cooperative Extension Service, I wish to thank my co-workers, the outstanding volunteer leaders, the University of Kentucky and the people of Clark County for the opportunity to serve.

The mission of the Cooperative Extension Service remains in place. My co-workers at the Clark County office, and from surrounding counties, will work to meet client needs in my absence.

The University of Kentucky College of Agriculture is now accepting applications, and plans to have a new Clark County extension agent for agriculture and natural resources in place in a month or two.



Frank Hicks

Hemp could make a comeback

By Kevin Wheatley
State Journal

Industrial hemp could make a comeback as one of Kentucky's top cash crops if lawmakers legalize the harvest of marijuana's botanical cousin, legislators have told a House committee.

The Agricultural and Small Business Committee on Wednesday heard from key sponsors of two pieces of legislation—House bills 272 and 286—that would make hemp a legal crop if the federal government lifts restrictions on it. The bills didn't come to a vote, but Rep. Tom McKee, a Cynthiana Democrat and the committee's chairman, said the discussion would continue so both sides of the argument could be heard.

Sponsors spoke for about 30 minutes, highlighting primarily the many legal products produced by industrial hemp, such as textiles, paper, auto plastics, rope, construction material, cos-

metics and feed for cattle.

The trickle-down effect would create 17,000 jobs and result in an economic impact between \$400 million and \$500 million, said Sen. Joey Pendleton, D-Hopkinsville, quoting a University of Kentucky survey from years ago.

"We're sitting on the cutting edge and, to me, on a gold mine here of what we can do in the Commonwealth of Kentucky to create jobs and to give our agriculture people another opportunity to grow something," he said.

Eighty-five percent of industrial hemp produced in Canada is shipped to the U.S., and China sends a large amount here as well, Pendleton added. He also noted that Kentucky has an ideal climate and was a top hemp producer prior to and during World War II until the federal government banned it amid political pressure from nylon and paper manufacturers in the 1950s.

While there's concern that

hemp would be confused with marijuana, Pendleton said the two plants can be distinguished easily and cross-pollination between the two plants decreases tetrahydrocannabinol, the active ingredient in marijuana.

However, Ed Shemelya, regional marijuana coordinator in the Appalachian High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, disagreed and said police continue to oppose legalization of hemp because there's no way to visually distinguish it from marijuana.

"It's an enforcement nightmare," Shemelya said after the meeting.

Rep. Keith Hall, D-Phelps, said hemp oil could be explored as an alternative fuel source. He noted that Henry Ford built his first automobile using hemp products and ran it on hemp diesel fuel.

Bio-diesel fuel produced from hemp emits no sulfur when it's used, making it the

only fuel that passes the Environment Protection Agency's Clear Air Act, Hall said. Hemp plants could also be used on mine reclamation sites as they soak up contaminants, he said. Legislators have been hesitant to consider legalizing hemp with its link to marijuana, but Hall said the potential economic impact has thawed some, but not all, concerns.

"I would say today that the issue is fear," Hall told the panel.

Rep. Terry Mills, D-Lebanon, said 66 percent of his constituents support legalizing industrial hemp.

"... The ag economy is the best it's been in 40 years, and we're seeing that in grain and cattle prices, but we always need diversity in agriculture," Mills said. "If this can be developed as a viable crop in agriculture, it can only help the agriculture community and, again, those people who live out in rural Kentucky."

Ky. Farm Bureau Beef Expo cracks \$1M in sales

FRANKFORT — The \$1 million barrier fell at the 26th annual Kentucky Farm Bureau Beef Expo March 2-4 in Louisville. Beef Expo records were set for gross sales, average per head, and top price for a single lot, and several other records were shattered in the individual breed sales.

"Many of the highest-priced lots were from Kentucky, including the sale topper," Agriculture Commissioner James Comer said. "These results show that Kentucky's beef cattle industry and the Kentucky Farm Bureau Beef Expo have the well-deserved respect of cat-

tlemen from all over the United States."

In all, 485 lots sold for \$1,062,940, an average of \$2,192 per head, in the 11 breed sales and the pen heifer sale. Gross sales were 24.1 percent higher than the

2011 total of \$856,545, and the average was a 27.4 percent increase over last year's average of \$1,720.

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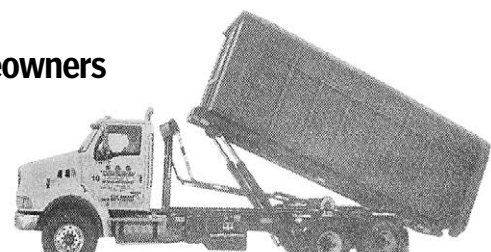
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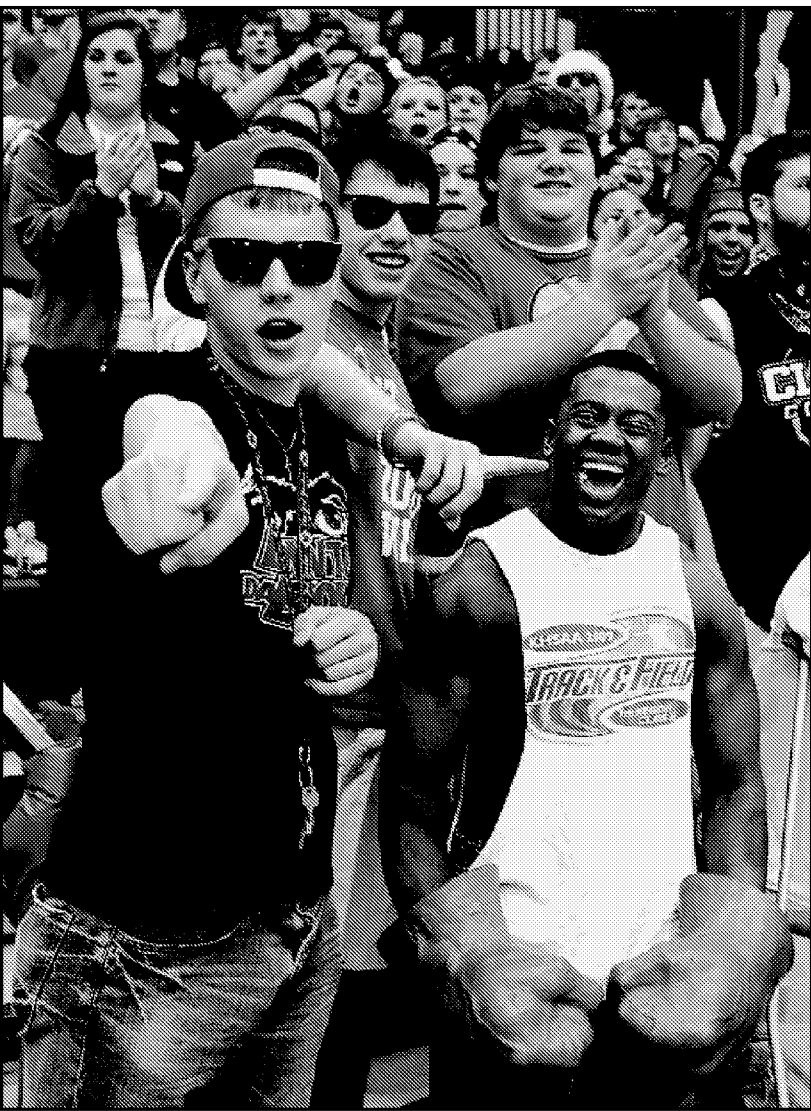
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Sending off the Cards

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George Rogers Clark High School Cardinal Adam Fatkin speaks to Irene Woosley during the teams visit to The Generations Center Tuesday morning before they head to Rupp Arena and the Boys Sweet Sixteen Tournament, top photo. Andrew Howe gives a “high five” to LaDamian Bruce, a student in the Generations Center Clark County Preschool and head start program, right photo. At left, The Incredible Hulk made an appearance to cheer for the Cardinals during the championship game of the 10th Region Tournament against Mason County last week at Montgomery County High School. Yelling for the Cardinals were Jordan Miller, left, and Roman Swain as the Green Hulk. The Cardinals make their second straight appearance in the Sweet Sixteen, playing Owensboro Apollo at 8 p.m. today in Lexington.



SUNSHINE WEEK

Obama wants to keep trade talks secret

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the middle of Sunshine Week, when news organizations and advocacy groups promote government transparency, the Obama administration urged Congress on Tuesday to keep secret a whole new category of information even under the Freedom of Information Act.

A few miles away, the White House organized a conference call with two senior administration officials to preview an announcement by President Barack Obama about an important China trade issue but told reporters that no one could be quoted by name. The officials were U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk and the deputy national security adviser for international economic affairs, Michael Froman.

Obama has promised that his administration will be the most transparent in American history. But events on Tuesday, while unrelated, illustrate that old habits die hard.

On Capitol Hill, the director of the Justice Department’s office of information policy, Melanie Ann Pustay, told senators they need to protect against public disclosures of material about cybersecurity, critical U.S. computer networks, industrial plants, pipelines and more. Businesses have sought such a new exemption under the law for at least 10 years.

Pustay told the Senate Judiciary Committee that a Supreme Court ruling in March 2011 narrowed an exemption under the records law and left federal agencies

unable to protect secrets about cybersecurity and critical infrastructures, even though the Justice Department since then has recommended at least three other ways under current law to justify withholding such information.

The case involved a retired electrician, Glen Milner, who sought in 2003 to learn more about the types and amounts of explosives stored at the Navy’s nearby Indian Island facility. Milner said he wanted to know whether his family and neighbors were at risk of being blown up.

Pustay said the Supreme Court decision put at risk “a wide range of sensitive material whose disclosure could cause harm,” and urged the

Senate to approve a proposal in cybersecurity legislation that would keep it off-limits under the Freedom of Information Act.

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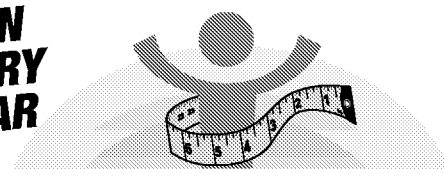
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Community volunteer Treva Parks listens while Isaiah Riggs talks about career goals of either being a chef or a mechanic during the Operation Preparation at Conkwright Middle School Tuesday afternoon, top photo. Jonathan Osborne listens to Barbara Disney talk about his career goals for the future, right photo.



GOP, Dems urge US 'stick to plan' in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans and Democrats alike insist the United States should stay the course in Afghanistan, sticking to President Barack Obama's timetable for withdrawing American troops despite the massacre of Afghan civilians and the burning of Qurans — two offenses blamed on the U.S. military that have stoked anti-American anger.

Key proponents of keeping troops in Afghanistan, like Rep. Howard "Buck" McKeon, R-Calif., say these tragic incidents shouldn't diminish the American resolve to finish a job begun more than a decade ago.

"When you look at the war through that terrible, violent act — it can seem hopeless and lost," McKeon, the House Armed Services Committee chairman, said of the American soldier suspected of killing 16 Afghan civilians, including women and children. "But the reason we liberated Afghanistan in 2001 was right then, and it is the same reason we fight today to keep it liberated."

McKeon's argument for a continued U.S. presence in Afghanistan more than 10 years after the war began reflects the view of the nation's military commanders and was echoed by several lawmakers, including the Senate's top Democrat and Republican. Support for the current policy puts them at odds with two Republican presidential candidates — Newt Gingrich and Ron

Paul — and a growing number of Americans exasperated with the drawn-out conflict and clamoring for the 90,000 troops to come home.

McKeon was scheduled to deliver his remarks in a speech Wednesday at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif. The Associated Press obtained excerpts of his remarks.

The current U.S. plan calls for a drawdown of 23,000 American troops by the end of September and a complete withdrawal by the end of 2014, when Afghan forces are to take charge of the country's security. After the burning of Qurans by U.S. soldiers last month, anti-U.S. protests and the killing of at least six U.S. troops by Afghan troops, 24 senators, including Republicans Mike Lee of Utah and Rand Paul of Kentucky, wrote a letter to Obama arguing that U.S. military involvement in Afghanistan was too costly and it was time to bring American forces back.

The massacre of the 16 Afghan civilians has prompted talk of accelerating the withdrawal of U.S. forces. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said there has been no change in plans to complete a troop withdrawal by the end of 2014 and Obama has spoken of ending the war "responsibly." Top lawmakers cautioned against a rush to judgment and embraced that approach.



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Lamb: ‘home’ will be a plus

By Larry Vaught
Advocate-Messenger

LEXINGTON — Even though Kentucky didn’t win the South-eastern Conference Tournament in front of a nearly all-UK crowd in New Orleans, the Cats insist they are glad to be starting NCAA Tournament play in Louisville Thursday where they figure to again have a swarm of fans.

“That’s a good thing for us. We’re playing in Louisville so we know we’ll have a lot of blue in there,” said Kentucky sophomore guard Doron Lamb. “We got hard teams in our bracket, but we can’t think of it like that. Last year we had the same thing and we still made it to the Final Four. We just have to get prepared and be ready when we play.”

Terrence Jones remembers what it was like last season when he was a freshman and UK had to play at Tampa and then Newark.

“It should be real good (in Louisville). Our fans travel with us wherever we go, but it should make it easier on us and them. It being down the street should make it a real good outcome for us,” Jones said. “I’m just excited to be on this team with the opportunity we have, to be able to play in Louisville just right down the street.”

Freshman Kyle Wiltjer found out in New Orleans how well Kentucky fans turn out for postseason play and doesn’t expect it to be any different in Louisville after the Cats were made the tourney’s No. 1 overall seed.

“That shows how special BBN (Big Blue Nation) is. We were in the SEC Tournament and it was like a home game. I’m just honored to be a part of it,” Wiltjer said.

“We’re glad we get to play here in the state. Our fans can come see us play and its close. We can have a home-court advantage basically,” point guard Marquis Teague added.

Kentucky will get to play in Atlanta if it can survive two games in Louisville, something the Las Vegas odds-makers expect to happen since UK has been made the tourney favorite by them also.

“I would say that I hope it’s a blue building. I hope Atlanta, if we are lucky enough to move on would be blue, but you don’t know if we can move on,” Kentucky coach John Calipari said. “We were in New Orleans and it was incredible, the whole city was blue. I went to church, it was blue; I

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Boys State Tournament: George Rogers Clark vs. Owensboro Apollo

Cheering the Cards



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George Rogers Clark coach Scott Humphrey and the Cardinals will take on Owensboro Apollo in the opening round of the Sweet 16 at 8 tonight at Rupp Arena in Lexington.

Humphrey: Clark ‘an easy team to root for’

By Keith Taylor
The Winchester Sun

Sweet 16

Today’s games
Noon, Rowan Co. vs. North Laurel
1:30 p.m., Southwestern vs. Hopkinsville
6:30 p.m., Bullitt East vs. Trinity
8 p.m., G. Rogers Clark vs. Apollo

Thursday’s games
Noon, Bowling Green vs. Oldham County
1:30 p.m., Bullitt East-Trinity vs. Knott Central
6:30 p.m., Marshall Co. vs. Scott Co.
8 p.m., John Hardin vs. Johnson Central

Friday’s games
Noon, Rowan-North Laurel winner vs. Southwestern-Hopkinsville winner
1:30 p.m., Bullitt East-Trinity winner vs. Clark-Apollo winner
6:30 p.m., Bowling Green-Oldham winner vs. Boone Co.-Knott Central winner
8 p.m., Marshall Co.-Scott Co. winner vs. John Hardin-Johnson Central winner

* All games broadcast on WKYN 107.7 FM
* State bracket appears on B3.

The George Rogers Clark boys basketball team won’t lack support when it takes on Owensboro Apollo in the opening round of the Sweet 16 tonight at 8 p.m. at Rupp Arena.

“This is a very easy team to root for,” Clark coach Scott Humphrey said earlier this week. “The student-body has been with us all along, but the older fans and the adult crowd has just kind of embraced this bunch and it just seems like we’re adding a few new faces every game we play. They (the fans) are enjoying it and they’re excited for the team. They’re an easy bunch to root for because they do it the right way on and off the court.”

The Eagles (17-14) were a surprise winner in the 3rd Region after defeating Muhlenberg County in the regional finals to earn a berth in the prestigious tournament.

“At the beginning of the year, people thought it would be them, Ohio County or Muhlenberg County (who would win the region,” Humphrey said. “They had a lot of football players, got off to a slow start and had some injuries and from the tapes that we’ve seen, they’ve played a lit-

tle different from December until March. They look totally different now than they did earlier in the season.”

Humphrey said a key for his team will be how it competes on the defensive end of the court and rebounds the ball.

“Everything starts and ends with us on the defensive end of the floor,” the Clark coach said. “We need to make sure we pressure their guards. They’re so big and rebounding concerns me. That (is going to be our) focus going into the game.”

Clark also will have to get used to the longer length of the college floor.

“It’s so much longer, you’ll be getting an outlet pass from someone and you think you’re underneath the basket and you’re at the three-point line,” Clark senior Adam Fatkin said. “It’s completely different.”

Close to home

Humphrey has elected to com-



G. Rogers Clark vs. Apollo

When: Today at Rupp Arena
Time: 8 p.m.
Records: Clark: 30-5. Apollo: 17-14
Radio: 107.7 FM WKYN

mute his team from Winchester to Rupp Arena instead of staying in Lexington this week. The routine was the same during Clark’s two previous appearances in 2007 and last season. The team’s draw in the tournament also has been beneficial.

“We’ve debated which way to approach it and we’ve spoke to a lot of coaches who have been to the state tournament who live in the central Kentucky area. They all said it’s an advantage to sleep in your own bed.”

Familiar foes

Clark compiled a 3-1 record against three teams in the 16-team field. Clark played Rowan County, Southwestern and North Laurel during the regular season and all three teams will join the Cards in the upper bracket, which features Louisville Trinity, one of the favorites to win the four-day event.

Clark and Rowan County split two games, with the Cards edging the Vikings 50-48 in the finals of the Ashland Invitational. Rowan defeated Clark 62-58 on Jan. 24. The Cards knocked off Southwestern 52-46 to win the Whitaker Bank Fort Herrod Classic on Dec. 23 and beat North Laurel 51-47 on Jan. 27 in London.

NCAA Tournament: Western Kentucky 59, Mississippi Valley State 58

‘Crazy’ comeback

Zollo, WKU follows motto in tourney opener

DAYTON — Vinny Zollo left the court waving a towel and hugged Western Kentucky mascot “Big Red” after the Hilltoppers rallied for an exciting 59-58 triumph over Mississippi Valley State Tuesday night in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament at the Dayton Arena.

His first taste of March Madness was a memorable one.

“It was just a mix of emotions that goes on at the end of a game like that,” Zollo said afterward. “We were down pretty much for 35 minutes, playing miserable basketball. It was not us and not characteristic of what we like to do as a



Keith Taylor

team.”

At times, it looked as though Western was going to be a one-and-done participant in its first tournament appearance in three years and trailed by 16 points with five minutes remaining. However, Western kept the faith in the midst of adversity.

“We just believed and that’s been the motto of our whole team — to come from behind,” Zollo said. “We had 15 guys out there who believed that we were going to win and it happened.”

Indeed, Western saved its best for last and moved into the second round of the tournament following an exciting comeback in front of President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron.

“We just turned it on in the last five minutes,” said Zollo, who scored six points, and

See ZOLLO, B3



The Associated Press
Former George Rogers Clark standout Vinny Zollo celebrates Western Kentucky’s rally in the second half of a 59-58 triumph over Mississippi Valley State in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament Tuesday night at the Dayton Arena.

Scoreboard

NCAA Tournament

FIRST ROUND
At UD Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Tuesday, March 13
Western Kentucky 59, MVSU 58
BYU 78, Iona 72
Wednesday, March 14
Lamar (23-11) vs. Vermont (23-11), 6:40 p.m.
Cal (24-9) vs. S. Florida (20-13), 30 minutes following
EAST REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday, March 15
At The CONSOL Energy Center
Pittsburgh
Kansas St (21-10) vs. S Miss (25-8), 12:40 p.m.
Syracuse (31-2) vs. UNC Asheville (24-9), 30 minutes following
Gonzaga (25-6) vs. West Virginia (19-13), 7:20 p.m.
Ohio State (27-7) vs. Loyola (Md.) (24-8), 30 minutes following
At The Pit
Albuquerque, N.M.
Wisconsin (24-9) vs. Montana (25-6), 2:10 p.m.
Vanderbilt (24-10) vs. Harvard (26-4), 30 minutes following
Friday, March 16
At Bridgestone Arena
Nashville, Tenn.
Cincinnati (24-10) vs. Texas (20-13), 12:15 p.m.
Florida State (24-9) vs. St. Bonaventure (20-11), 30 minutes following
SOUTH REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday, March 15
At The KFC Yum! Center
Louisville, Ky.
Kentucky (32-2) vs. W. Kentucky (16-18), 6:50 p.m.
Iowa State (22-10) vs. UConn (20-13), 30 minutes following
At The Pit
Albuquerque, N.M.
Baylor (27-7) vs. S. Dakota State (27-7), 7:27 p.m.
UNLV (26-8) vs. Colorado (23-11), 30 minutes following
At The Rose Garden
Portland, Ore.
Wichita State (27-5) vs. VCU (28-6), 7:15 p.m.
Indiana (25-8) vs. New Mexico State (26-9), 30 minutes following
Friday, March 16
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
Duke (27-6) vs. Lehigh (26-7), 7:15 p.m.
Notre Dame (22-11) vs. Xavier (21-12), 30 minutes following
MIDWEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Friday, March 16
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
Creighton (28-5) vs. Alabama (21-11), 1:40 p.m.
North Carolina (29-5) vs. Lamar-Vermont winner, 30 minutes following
At Nationwide Arena
Columbus, Ohio
S.D. State (26-7) vs. N.C. State (22-12), 12:40 p.m.
Georgetown (23-8) vs. Belmont (27-7), 30 minutes following
At Bridgestone Arena
Nashville, Tenn.
Michigan (24-9) vs. Ohio (27-7), 7:20 p.m.
Temple (24-7) vs. California-South Florida winner, 30 minutes following
At CenturyLink Center
Omaha, Neb.
Saint Mary's (27-5) vs. Purdue (21-12), 7:27 p.m.
Kansas (27-6) vs. Detroit (22-13), 30 minutes following
WEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday, March 15
At The KFC Yum! Center
Louisville, Ky.
Murray St (30-1) vs. Colorado St (20-11), 12:15 p.m.
Marquette (25-7) vs. BYU (26-8), 30 minutes following
At The Rose Garden
Portland, Ore.
Louisville (26-9) vs. Davidson (25-7), 1:40 p.m.
New Mexico (27-6) vs. Long Beach State (25-8), 30 minutes following
Friday, March 16
At Nationwide Arena
Columbus, Ohio
Memphis (26-8) vs. Saint Louis (25-7), 6:50 p.m.

On the Air

Today
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
1 p.m.
ESPN — Preseason, N.Y. Mets vs. Detroit
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
6:30 p.m.
TRUTV — Lamar vs. Vermont, at Dayton, Ohio
7 p.m.
ESPN2 — NIT, first round, Minnesota at La Salle
9 p.m.
ESPN2 — NIT, first round, Bucknell at Arizona
TRUTV — NCAA, California vs. USF, at Dayton, Ohio
NBA BASKETBALL
7 p.m.
ESPN — Philadelphia at Indiana
9:30 p.m.
ESPN — Miami at Chicago
NHL HOCKEY
7:30 p.m.
NBCSN — Colorado at Buffalo

Local Sports

Today
PREP BASKETBALL
KHSAA Sweet 16 at Rupp Arena
8 p.m.
George Rogers Clark vs. Owensboro Apollo (WKYN 107.7 FM)
Thursday
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
6:40 p.m.
Kentucky vs. W. Kentucky-Miss. Valley St. winner

Michigan State (27-7) vs. LIU (25-8), 30 minutes following
At CenturyLink Center
Omaha, Neb.
Florida (23-10) vs. Virginia (22-9), 2:10 p.m.
Missouri (30-4) vs. Norfolk State (25-9), 30 minutes following
FINAL FOUR
At The Superdome
New Orleans
National Semifinals
Saturday, March 31
East champion vs. Midwest champion
South champion vs. West champion
National Championship
Monday, April 2
Semifinal winners

NIT

First Round
Tuesday, March 13
UMass 101, Mississippi State 96, 20T
Seton Hall 63, Stony Brook 61
Iowa 84, Dayton 75
Tennessee 65, Savannah State 51
Northwestern 76, Akron 74
Middle Tennessee 86, Marshall 78
Oregon 96, LSU 76
Washington 82, Texas-Arlington 72
Stanford 76, Cleveland State 65
Wednesday, March 14
Minnesota (19-14) at La Salle (21-12), 7 p.m.
UCF (22-10) at Drexel (27-6), 7:15 p.m.
N. Iowa (19-13) at Saint Joseph's (20-13), 7:15 p.m.
Valparaiso (22-11) at Miami (19-12), 7:30 p.m.
Bucknell (24-9) at Arizona (23-11), 9 p.m.
Nevada (26-6) at Oral Roberts (27-6), 9:15 p.m.
Illinois State (20-13) at Mississippi (20-13), 9:30 p.m.

CBI Tournament

First Round
Tuesday, March 13
TCU 83, Milwaukee 73
Princeton 95, Evansville 86
Washington State 89, San Francisco 75
Wednesday, March 14
Wofford (19-13) at Pittsburgh (17-16), 7 p.m.
Quinnipiac (18-13) at Penn (19-12), 7:30 p.m.
Delaware (18-13) at Butler (20-14), 8 p.m.
North Dakota St (17-13) at Wyoming (20-11), 9 p.m.
Western Illinois (18-14) at Oregon St (19-14), 10 p.m.
Quarterfinals
TCU (18-14) vs. Western Illinois-Oregon State winner
Washington State (16-16) vs.
North Dakota State-Wyoming winner
Delaware-Butler winner vs. Quinnipiac-Penn winner

Princeton (20-11) vs. Wofford-Pittsburgh winner
Monday, March 19
Semifinals
Wednesday, March 21
Semifinal 1, TBA
Semifinal 2, TBA
Championship Series (Best-of-3)
Monday, March 26
Game 1, TBA
Wednesday, March 28
Game 2, TBA
Friday, March 30
Game 3, TBA

NCAA Women

DES MOINES REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday, March 17
At Allstate Arena
Rosemont, Ill.
Tennessee (24-8) vs. UT-Martin (23-8), 4:10 p.m.
DePaul (22-10) vs. BYU (26-6), 30 minutes following
Sunday, March 18
At Stroh Center
Bowling Green, Ohio
Ohio St. (25-6) vs. Florida (19-12), 12:15 p.m.
Baylor (34-0) vs. UC Santa Barbara (17-15)), 30 minutes following
At Carmichael Arena
Chapel Hill, N.C.
Georgetown (22-8) vs. Fresno St. (28-5), 12:20 p.m.
Georgia Tech (24-8) vs. Sacred Heart (25-7), 30 minutes following
At Jack Stephens Center
Little Rock, Ark.
Delaware (30-1) vs. UALR (20-12), 5:20 p.m.
Nebraska (24-8) vs. Kansas (19-12), 30 minutes following
FRESNO REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday, March 17
At Ted Constant Convocation Center
Norfolk, Va.
West Virginia (23-9) vs. Texas (18-13), 11:10 a.m.
Stanford (31-1) vs. Hampton (26-4), 30 minutes following
At Mackey Arena
West Lafayette, Ind.
S. Carolina (23-9) vs. E. Michigan (23-8), 11:05 a.m.
Purdue (24-8) vs. South Dakota St. (24-8), 30 minutes following
Sunday, March 18
At Lloyd Noble Center
Norman, Okla.
St. John's (22-9) vs. Creighton (20-12), 5:05 p.m.
Oklahoma (20-12) vs. Michigan (20-11), 30 minutes following
At Memorial Gymnasium
Nashville, Tenn.
Vandy (22-9) vs. Middle Tennessee (26-6), 5:10 p.m.
Duke (24-5) vs. Samford (20-12), 30 minutes following
RALEIGH REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday, March 17
At Reed Arena
College Station, Texas
Arkansas (23-8) vs. Dayton (23-6), 4:05 p.m.
Texas A&M (22-10) vs. Albany (NY) (23-9), 30 minutes following
At Comcast Center
College Park, Md.
Maryland (28-4) vs. Navy (18-13), 11:15 a.m.
Louisville (22-9) vs. Michigan St. (20-11), 30 minutes following
Sunday, March 18
At Joyce Center
Notre Dame, Ind.
California (24-9) vs. Iowa (19-11), 12:10 p.m.
Notre Dame (30-3) vs. Liberty (24-8), 30 minutes following
At Donlad L. Tucker Center
Tallahassee, Fla.
Georgia (22-8) vs. Marist (25-7), 12:05 p.m.
St. Bonaventure (29-3) vs. Florida Gulf Coast (29-2), 30 minutes following
KINGSTON REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday, March 17
At Webster Bank Arena
Bridgeport, Conn.
Kansas State (19-13) vs. Princeton (24-4), 11:20 a.m.
UConn (29-4) vs. Prairie View (17-15), 30 minutes following
At McCarthy Athletic Center

Spokane, Wash.
Rutgers (22-9) vs. Gonzaga (26-5), 4:15 p.m.
Miami (25-5) vs. Idaho State (24-7), 30 minutes following
At Hilton Coliseum
Ames, Iowa
Kentucky (25-6) vs. McNeese State (26-7), 4:20 p.m.
Green Bay (30-1) vs. Iowa State (18-12), 30 minutes following
Sunday, March 18
At Maravich Center
Baton Rouge, La.
Penn State (24-6) vs. UTEP (29-3), 5:15 p.m.
LSU (22-10) vs. San Diego State (25-6), 30 minutes following

NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	25	17	.595	—
Boston	22	19	.537	2 ½
New York	18	24	.429	7
Toronto	14	28	.333	11
New Jersey	14	29	.326	11 ½
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	31	10	.756	—
Orlando	28	15	.651	4
Atlanta	24	18	.571	7 ½
Washington	9	32	.220	22
Charlotte	6	34	.150	24 ½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	35	9	.795	—
Indiana	24	16	.600	9
Milwaukee	18	24	.429	16
Cleveland	16	24	.400	17
Detroit	15	27	.357	19
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	27	13	.675	—
Memphis	24	17	.585	3 ½
Dallas	24	20	.545	5
Houston	23	20	.535	5 ½
New Orleans	10	32	.238	18
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	32	10	.762	—
Denver	24	19	.558	8 ½
Minnesota	22	21	.512	10 ½
Utah	20	21	.488	11 ½
Portland	20	22	.476	12
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	26	16	.619	—
L.A. Clippers	23	17	.575	2
Phoenix	19	22	.463	6 ½
Golden State	18	21	.462	6 ½
Sacramento	14	28	.333	12

Monday's Games
Milwaukee 105, New Jersey 99
Chicago 104, New York 99
Charlotte 73, New Orleans 71
San Antonio 112, Washington 97
Utah 105, Detroit 90
Minnesota 127, Phoenix 124
Boston 94, L.A. Clippers 85
Tuesday's Games
Toronto 96, Cleveland 88
Indiana 92, Portland 75
Orlando 104, Miami 98, OT
Houston 104, Oklahoma City 103
L.A. Lakers 116, Memphis 111, 20T
Dallas 107, Washington 98
Denver 118, Atlanta 117, OT
Golden State 115, Sacramento 89
Wednesday's Games
Philadelphia at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Toronto at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Houston, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Orlando at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Miami at Chicago, 9:30 p.m.
Detroit at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Boston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Atlanta at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Utah at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Washington at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Denver, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.

ZOLLO

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made his team's two shots from long range against the Delta Devils. "Coach (Ray) Harper made a good tactical move by applying pressure to them and we were able to create momentum plays."

Now the Hilltoppers shift their attention to top seeded Kentucky and will play the Wildcats in less than 48 at the KFC Yum! Center in Louisville at 6:50 p.m. Thursday.

Originally, Zollo was supposed to be playing this season for the state's flagship university after verbally committing to Kentucky following his sophomore season in high school, but a change in coaches altered those plans and Zollo reopened his commitment.

"A lot goes into that game," he said. "I know a lot of guys are excited and they're the overall No. 1 seed and for a reason. They're a great team and they do a lot of things to disrupt what team's like to do. Right now, it's not so much about Kentucky as the belief that we have in the locker room. We've gone through so much adversity this entire year and it's amazing how things came together."

"For us, it's just like any other game."

Zollo admitted that he was thinking about the possibility of playing Kentucky in the second round after the pairings were released on Sunday.

"No disrespect to Mississippi Valley State, but we knew coming into this game, we would have to beat a very good team and

coach (Ray) Harper's speech to us was to not look ahead," the Western forward said. "Our motto the entire season has been one game at a time. I talked to my mom about it and my whole family and it is a big deal on the outside and on paper, but at the end of the day and it comes down to the game, we're going to show up and lace them up just like they do."

Prior to his senior season at George Rogers Clark High School, Zollo concluded a second wave of whirlwind offers on the recruiting trail and settled on Western Kentucky.

Just like what transpired on the recruiting trail, Zollo endured a roller-coaster ride in Bowling Green this year, that featured a change of coaches during the mid-season. The switch from Ken McDonald to Ray Harper ignited the Hilltoppers, who went 10-7 down the stretch and won the Sun Belt Conference, which sent the Hilltoppers into the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2009.

Zollo admitted that playing in front of Obama was "crazy," but an unforgettable experience.

"We were warming up and there was Mr. President sitting on the front row and it is a crazy experience, but it's one I'll definitely remember," he said.

Aside from playing in front of Obama and Cameron, Zollo said the entire experience proved to be a memorable one.

"None of us had ever played in the NCAA Tournament," he said. "For us to come in here star struck and be able to get a win is great."

BYU stages late rally, stuns Iona

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron saw a huge comeback.

Had they stuck around a little longer, they could have watched the biggest one in NCAA tournament history.

Noah Hartsock scored 16 of his 23 points in the second half and the Cougars came back from 25 points down to beat Iona 78-72 in the first round Tuesday night.

It marked the biggest comeback in an NCAA tournament game, the NCAA said. Previously, the largest deficit overcome was 22 points when Duke fought back to beat Maryland 95-84 in the 2001 national semifinals.

Hartsock was a little hurt that the president wasn't around to see the fireworks.

"I started looking around and didn't see him," Hartsock said with a grin. "But I'm sure

he had some important things to take care of."

It was the second incredible turnaround of the night in Dayton. With the two heads of state watching from front-row seats on the baseline, Western Kentucky came back from a 16-point deficit in the final five minutes to beat Mississippi Valley State 59-58.

That was the biggest margin overcome by a team in the final 5 minutes to win an NCAA tournament game.

No matter how far they fell behind, BYU and coach Dave Rose had faith that the Cougars could come back.

"Coming back from 25 points down is really satisfying now that we've won. At the time it wasn't that satisfying being down 25," he joked. "But I don't think that any of us, especially the coaching staff or our players, doubted the fact that we could chip into that lead."

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R16-Rowan Co. (25-7)

Wed., March 14
12:00 p.m.

R13-North Laurel (21-14)

R12-Southwestern (27-8)

Wed., March 14
1:30 p.m.

R2-Hopkinsville (32-2)

R6-Bullitt East (27-4)

Wed., March 14
6:30 p.m.

R7-Trinity (Lou.) (31-3)

R3-Apollo (17-14)

Wed., March 14
8:00 p.m.

R10-Clark County (30-5)

R4-Bowling Green (29-6)

Thurs., March 15
12:00 p.m.

R8-Oldham Co. (29-5)

R9-Boone Co. (27-7)

Thurs., March 15
1:30 p.m.

R14-Knott Co. Central (28-5)

R1-Marshall Co. (32-2)

Thurs., March 15
6:30 p.m.

R11-Scott Co. (31-4)

R5-John Hardin (22-8)

Thurs., March 15
8:00 p.m.

R15-Johnson Central (25-10)

Fri., March 16
12:00 p.m.

Fri., March 16
1:30 p.m.

Fri., March 16
6:30 p.m.

Fri., March 16
8:00 p.m.

Sat., March 17
10 a.m.

Sat., March 17
11:30 a.m.

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didn't know there were that many Catholics in Kentucky. This is unique, a unique state and a unique state for basketball."

Past NCAA champions Duke, Connecticut and Indiana — the first team to beat UK this season — are all in the South Region with Kentucky. Jones said while "we have a lot of competition" in the South, the priority is for UK to get back to playing well and with the same swagger it had during its 24-game win streak and perfect 16-0 SEC regular-season record.

"I feel we had it (in New Orleans). We were just playing teams that had a lot to play for. Playing them three times and for their seasons with the challenge of trying to beat the No. 1 team that swept through the conference regular season. They just played with a lot of energy," Jones said. "We're going to have to respect every team that we play and just

take it one game at a time. We have a lot of motivation behind a lot of games to give ourselves more of an edge."

He also learned something last year during UK's surprising Final Four run that included a buzzer-beating win over Princeton and then upsets of Ohio State and North Carolina.

"The best teams playing the best basketball right now are who wins games, not really who was playing the best basketball throughout the season," Jones said.

Lamb said it is important for Kentucky to put the Vanderbilt loss in the past and focus on Thursday.

"We have to move that game to the past and get ready for who we play next. The main thing is just getting treatment and getting our bodies right for these next couple weeks because right now we are a little sore. We're tired, we played three games straight — three tough games straight. Our bodies are hurt right now," Lamb said Sunday.

Sports briefs

Soccer

Clark Middle splits with Harrison County

The Clark Middle boys and girls soccer teams split with Harrison County Tuesday night.

The girls team dropped a 4-2 loss, with Brooke Abner and Angela Miller each scoring a goal.

The boys team came away with a 5-1 victory.

Hunter Caudill paced the Eagles with three goals, followed by Jose Villa and Josh Bailey with one goal each. Evan Carrington and Austin Fields each had an assist for Clark Middle.

College Basketball

Horn fired after four seasons at USC

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — South Carolina has fired men's basketball coach Darrin Horn after another disappointing season.

Athletic director Eric Hyman said Tuesday Horn had to go because he was tired of finishing toward the bottom of the Southeastern Conference.

The Gamecocks finished this season 10-21 and 2-14 in the SEC. Horn's teams lost more games in each of his four seasons.

South Carolina lost 24 of its last 27 SEC games, and Horn finished his career at South Carolina 23-45 in the SEC and 60-63 overall.

N C A A T O U R N A M E N T

Picking the winners

Want to be sure you have the perfect March Madness bracket this year? Not possible.

If you were to stack the amount of paper it would take to fill in every bracket with every possibility among the 68 teams who will play 67 games over the next three weeks, it would not fit inside the universe.

So says Michael Weimerskirch, a math professor at Augsburg College who gets paid to think about numbers and the way they affect the Kentuckys, Butlers and VCU's of the world.

But there's this small glimmer of hope. Weimerskirch says you could simply start flipping coins. The odds of finding perfection that way — by flipping a coin to pick the winner of every game: 1-in-100,000,000,000,000,000,000. For those keeping score at home, that's 1-in-100 million trillion.

Or, to put it another way: "You're just as likely to win Powerball three consecutive times as you are to picking a perfect bracket by flipping a coin," Weimerskirch says.

Of course, the NCAA tournament is all about making the impossible seem possible. Butler, a school with only 4,000 kids, made it to the finals two years in a row. VCU started the tournament last year as a No. 11 seed and wound up playing in the Final Four.

For those setting their sights on winning their friendly office pool, there are, in fact, ways to improve your odds.

Weimerskirch suggests looking at the number of people in the pool. The more people in the pool, the more you must stray from picking a slate of straight-line favorites. Kentucky, by the way, is the odds-on pick at 2-1, followed by North Carolina at 6-1.

"It's one thing to pick favorites to win the whole thing, but you have to know others are picking the favorites to win the whole thing, too," he said. "So, if you're in an office pool with 1,000 people in it, you need to do something a little bit unusual."

He recommends selecting a No. 14 seed to make it to the Sweet 16. Or an 11 to go to the Final Four, a la VCU.

"You need something unusual to go your way," Weimerskirch says.

There figures to be plenty of that over the next three weeks, ending April 2 at the Superdome in New Orleans. The games start Tuesday, with two first-round matchups: Mississippi Valley State vs. Western Kentucky and BYU vs. Iona.

The tournament gets into full swing Thursday and Friday with 64 teams in action.

Watching closely, once again, will be President Barack Obama, whose re-election campaign is welcoming visitors to his website to pick the winners. No wagering please, though anyone visiting the site is invited to donate money to Obama's campaign.

In an attempt to give fans even more facts and

figures to ponder, the NCAA cracked the window ever so slightly on its behind-closed-doors selection process, answering more questions this year and even releasing a list of the teams and the way they were ranked from 1 to 68.

At the end of the day, though, labeling Kentucky as the No. 1 overall seed, or knowing that fifth-seeded Vanderbilt was really the 18th-ranked overall team, doesn't give much more clarity to the guesswork.

After all, in the past week, Kentucky lost to Vanderbilt, while a bunch of other top-seeded teams in their conference tournaments also lost: Kansas, Syracuse, North Carolina, Washington, to name a few.

"If you had 200 co-workers in an office pool, just being able to pick all the 8 vs. 9 and 7 vs. 10 matchups, only about one in 200 is going to get all eight of those games right," Weimerskirch says.

In short, none of this is easy. According to a study by bookofodds.com, the odds of picking a perfect bracket by always going with the better-seeded team are about 35.3 billion-1.

Bookofodds.com took a look at a teen who picked every game of the first two rounds correctly last year and found the odds of that happening were 13.46 million-1.

That's not that far removed, the website said, from the odds of a person in Missouri dying from contact with hand-held power tool in a year. That's 13.25 million-1.

(The odds of the Missouri Tigers winning the national championship, on the other hand, are listed at 12-1 in Vegas. Not bad considering.)

So, for the relatively modest cost of \$10 or \$20, you, too, can buy a bracket, try to beat the odds, get some skin in the game and actually care about March Madness, even if you don't know a basketball from a dodgeball.

You can go with logic and scouting reports, put on a blindfold and throw darts or choose teams because you like their uniforms. The luckiest could come out with a few extra ducats when the nets are cut down in New Orleans. Many more will find themselves losing — and not only to the guy in the next cubicle, but to their 2-year-old nephews, their neighbor's cat and their buddy's favorite stuffed animal.

"The most interesting story I heard came back 15-20 years ago, when Duke won it all," Weimerskirch said. "It was a fairly large office pool of 1,000 people. One guy based it on who would win if the mascots fought. The rules were like, people with guns would beat animals, who would otherwise beat people who didn't have guns. Turns out, supernatural creatures like devils would beat most things."

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